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\* JOHN DALY ELECTED NEW PRESIDENT OF OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB; \*  
\* PAST PRESIDENT LOCHNER GIFTED WITH VACATION IN NASSAU \*  
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JOHN DALY, American Broadcasting Company radio and television commentators, was elected President of the Overseas Press Club of America by unanimous vote at the Annual Meeting and Elections held April 26 at the New York Newspaper Guild Club. DALY succeeds LOUIS P. LOCHNER, who was informed at the meeting that arrangements had been made for Mrs. Lochner and himself to vacation in Nassau -- in recognition of his devoted services to the Club. The retiring President and his wife next week will fly aboard a British Overseas Airways plane to Nassau, where they will stay at the Royal Victoria Hotel.

Vice Presidents elected in order of precedence were: WILLIAM P. GRAY, Associate Editor

### HIGGINS, BIGART AMONG THOSE SELECTED TO RECEIVE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB AWARDS

Seven top American journalists were named this week to receive the 1950 Awards of the OPC, it was announced by Awards Committee Chairman JOHN BARKHAM, who reported the tallying of more than 300 sealed ballots received at Club Headquarters.

Winner of the Club's coveted George Polk Memorial Award for "courage, integrity and enterprise above and beyond call of duty" is Marguerite Higgins, New York Herald Tribune war correspondent. She receives the \$500 prize contributed by the Columbia Broadcasting System in memory of CBS correspondent George Polk, who was murdered in Greece in 1948. (Continued on page 3)

of Life; PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE, magazine writer and Carl Byoir & Associates executive; and RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., Associate Editor of Coronet. JOSEPH J. WURZEL, Picture Editor of Look, was elected to hold the combined offices of Secretary-Treasurer.

Those elected to the Board of Governors were LARRY BLOCHMAN, author; HAL BOYLE, AP columnist; BERT BRANDT, Acme Newspictures photographer; JOSEF C. DINE, NBC Press Department; JOHN ELLIOTT, New York Herald Tribune financial writer; TEMPLE FIELDING, author and magazine writer; HENRY GELLERMANN, financial editor, Transradio Press Service; SANFORD GRIFFITH, (continued on page 2)

(NOTICE: The Bulletin is published a day late this week to permit announcement of results of the Annual Election).

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columnist and economic consultant; DICKSON HARTWELL, magazine writer; MATTHEW HUTTNER, magazine writer and co-publisher, Pyramid Books; HAL LEHRMAN, writer and lecturer; B. MATHIEU, staff writer, The New Yorker; and RICHARD THOMAS, New York Times-WQXR. Named as Alternates were RUSSELL F. ANDERSON, editor of McGraw-Hill World News; MARY HORNADAY, writer, Christian Science Monitor; ELSIE McCORMICK, magazine writer; and DOUG WERNER, United Press.

In a review of the past year's activities, retiring president LOCHNER pointed to unprecedented membership participation. "Virtually every third Active Member in New York either served on a committee or did work for the Club", he said. At least 88 committee meetings were held during the year, while some 160 program events -- almost one every three days -- were arranged. LOCHNER also paid tribute to Executive Secretary Janice Griffiths and the Club Headquarters staff, remarking, "it would be impossible to estimate the number of over-time hours put in by the staff." In conclusion, LOCHNER said: "I lay down my office in a spirit of supreme optimism."

Speaking for the Board of Governors and staff, B. MATHIEU then hailed President LOCHNER in a brief speech, informed him that BOAC would shortly take both Mr. and Mrs. LOCHNER on a ten-day vacation to Nassau and presented him with a check as token of the Board's appreciation for his services. "It gives me an enormous kick," LOCHNER responded, "to have the opportunity of sharing this with my wife."

Among committee reports heard were those from the Who's Who, Book, Radio and Television, Dinner and Placement Committees. All chairmen as well as the office staff were extended a rising vote of thanks in recognition of their devoted efforts on respective Club projects.

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to active membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidates:

ROBERT DANIEL GRAFF, Press Department, National Broadcasting Company  
 ERNIE HILL, Chicago Daily News Foreign Service  
 MARIO ROSSI, free-lance writer

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@ OPC Members are cordially invited to a special advance screening of M-G-M's new motion picture, "Go For Broke", in the M-G-M Projection Theater, top floor, 1540 Broadway, next Tuesday (May 1) at 6:30 PM. The film is a story of the heroic Nisei 442nd Infantry Regiment and stars Van Johnson. Only the first 75 arriving will be @ guaranteed seats.

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Publisher BENNETT CERF guested on JOHN DALY's "What's My Line?" show April 22; a second guest shot found him on NBC's "Who Said That?" television program April 23...CBS correspondent BILL DOWNS described how the White House operates on the public affairs television series, "The Facts We Face", on April 22....SEYMOUR BERKSON of INS appeared as guest on the "Tex and Jinx" show April 25, along with Past President BOB CONSIDINE....The San Francisco Chronicle's editor and general manager, PAUL C. SMITH, now on a round-the-world trip. Plans to hit Hong Kong, Bangkok, Paris, New Delhi, Athens and Istanbul among other stops...

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An award announced this year for the first time, "for best war reporting (one award to cover press, radio and television)", will go to HAL BOYLE of the Associated Press. Another high honor, for "best consistent press reporting from abroad" is won this year by Homer Bigart of the New York Herald Tribune, who two years ago received the Club's first George Polk Memorial Award.

Awards in other categories follow:

- ## Howard K. Smith, Columbia Broadcasting System correspondent in London -- for "best consistent radio and television reporting from abroad".
- ## James Reston, New York Times diplomatic correspondent in Washington -- for "best press interpretation of foreign news".
- ## EDWARD R. MURROW, Columbia Broadcasting System commentator -- for "best radio and television interpretation of foreign news".
- ## DAVID DOUGLAS DUNCAN, photographer for Life Magazine -- for "best picture reporting from abroad, judged on its interpretative qualities."

The Awards, in addition to the honorarium connected with the George Polk Memorial Award, will be specially engraved bronze plaques which will be presented winners at the Awards Presentation Dinner to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on Wednesday, May 16.

Chairman JOHN BARKHAM, who supervised recording of the ballots at an Awards Committee meeting April 23, reported that more than 300 Members participated in the voting -- the largest percentage of Members ever to take part in selecting Awards winners, he said. The results thus represent the true spirit of the membership, since even the awards slate was made up from names nominated by Members early this year.

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MEMBERS INVITED TO PRESS CONFERENCE  
VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILL GIVE  
AT CLUB HEADQUARTERS NEXT WEDNESDAY.

A special press conference will be held in the Clubrooms at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, May 3, by H.E. Dr. Luis E. Gomez-Ruiz, Foreign Minister of Venezuela, to which all Club Members are invited. Dr. Gomez-Ruiz,

who recently attended the Pan-American foreign ministers conference in Washington, will issue a statement reflecting Venezuelan views of the new trade agreements, and also announce the date of the forthcoming Constituent Elections.

With Dr. Gomez-Ruiz will be Dr. Manuel Reyna, director of economic policy; Dr. Eduardo Plaza, legal counsellor of the foreign ministry; Dr. Melchor Monteverde, director of international policy of the Venezuelan Government; and Venezuela's Consul General in New York, Hon. Antonio Davila-Delgado.

Representatives of New York's working press will attend the conference and the reception following, which will be extended by the Venezuelan Government. Only Club Members are invited; this is a special conference not open to guests of Members.

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\* OPC MEMBERS FIGURE \*  
\* IN NEWS OF COVERING \*  
\* MacARTHUR'S TRAVELS \*  
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General MacArthur's triumphal return to the U.S. and his visits to Washington and New York found Overseas Press Club Members at the front in covering one of the year's top news stories via press, radio and television. (See also The Bulletin for April 19).

Following MacArthur's arrival in San Francisco, a group of news men boarded a special American Airlines DC6B for a non-stop flight to beat the General to Washington by 32 minutes. Among those joining REX SMITH, American Airlines public relations v-p, on the trip were Past President BOB CONSIDINE, HENRY J. TAYLOR of ABC, CARL MYDANS of Life and American Airlines staffer WILLIAM HIPPLE. Just before the plane left, MYDANS and the AP's DON WHITEHEAD held a reunion with two other newsmen who had covered MacArthur's liberation ceremonies in Seoul.

In Washington, where General MacArthur made his now-historic address before Congress, other OPCers covered the dramatic story. They included MORGAN BEATTY of NBC, BARRY BISHOP of the Dallas News, WALTER LIPPMANN of the New York Herald Tribune, Scripps-Howard's WILLIAM P. SIMMS, ANDRE VISSON of Time and others. (continued on page 4)



New York's four-hour parade and reception received top news coverage, with EDWARD R. MURROW holding forth from the roof cockpit of CBS's bullet-like, science-fiction mobile television transmitter, which preceded MacArthur's car in the procession. Later, four OPCers-- DAVID DOUGLAS DUNCAN, WILLIAM P. GRAY, FRANK GIBNEY and CARL MYDANS -- participated in a special ABC-TV show which Life magazine sponsored to give background on the MacArthur story. Even OPC Headquarters was involved in coverage of the event; Warner-Pathe cameramen, directed by News Editor JOHN D. LeVIEN, filmed the parade from the Clubrooms overlooking Times Square.

Only reported OPC casualty of the MacArthur news was the AP's HAL BOYLE, who was scheduled to address a luncheon in New Haven sponsored by the Register on April 11; when the story broke, the teachers who would have attended the luncheon spent the day instead watching how the newspaper covered the fast-developing news.

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: EXPERTS-EDITORS PANEL COMPLETED FOR MAY 16 AWARDS DINNER; :  
: COMMITTEE REPORTS RUSH FOR RESERVATIONS ALREADY ON :  
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A complete list of persons to participate in the "American Press Looks at the World, the dramatic new feature of this year's Awards Presentation Dinner, was announced this week by JOSEF C. DINE, Dinner Chairman, as Club Headquarters reported an unprecedented rush for table reservations for the Waldorf Astoria event on Wednesday, May 16.

The panel discussion, on which distinguished editors of American newspapers will address controversial questions to a quartet of Overseas Press Club foreign affairs experts, will be a program innovation for the first time this year. The representatives of regional newspapers will include: Erwin D. Canham, editor of the Christian Science Monitor; Gideon D. Seymour, executive editor of the Minneapolis Star and Tribune; Barry Bingham, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal and Times; and one other to be announced.

On the other half of the panel will be Past President BOB CONSIDINE, INS columnist and correspondent; HAL BOYLE, Pulitzer-Prize-winning AP war correspondent; H. V. KALTENBORN, NBC commentator and author; and QUENTIN REYNOLDS, war correspondent and editor of United Nations World. EDWARD R. MURROW, CBS commentator, will act as moderator for the discussion.

At Club Headquarters, where special telephones have been installed to handle the rush of Dinner Committee business, it was disclosed that more than 15 full tables already have been reserved by far-sighted early-birds. This is considered unprecedented, since formal invitations have not yet been mailed to Club Members and prospective guests.

"Since seating priorities will be handled on a first-come-first-served basis," said Chairman DINE, "I can only urge Members to send in their checks and reservations as soon as possible. We certainly don't want anyone to be disappointed, but the volume of reservations thus far makes it necessary for me to issue this advice."

These are the subscription rates: A Club Member and one guest: \$9 each. Additional guests: \$12.50...The Committee points out that these rates are lower than last year's -- despite rising costs and expenses! Each table seats 10.

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LAST INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER  
ON MAINLAND OF CHINA FOLDS;  
ALLMAN RECALLS EXPERIENCES

Shanghai's 100-year-old North China Daily News, the last independent newspaper on the Chinese mainland, ceased publication March 31, according to word reaching Judge N. F. ALLMAN. The British-owned daily, ALLMAN said, really ceased being a newspaper

May, 1950, when Shanghai was occupied by Chinese Reds. Thereafter, it was limited to output from the Communists' official Hsin Hwa and Tass "news" agencies. The North China -- or, more familiarly, the "Old Lady of the Bund" -- fought desperately to carry on against impossible odds, one phase of which were the frequent public apologies it was forced to publish on its own front page.

"The prize error of the late editor, R. T. Peyton-Griffin," ALLMAN recalled, "was his headline, 'North Korea Invades South Korea', the day the war began. For this 'error', the North China was suspended for three days, the editor severely cautioned and a public apology was ordered printed".

The iron curtain has now clanged down on all independent papers on the China mainland. Judge ALLMAN, editor and publisher of the China Press, closed that newspaper the day the Communists entered Shanghai. RANDALL GOULD tried to keep his Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury operating, but was forced to suspend after several weeks.

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The Overseas Press Club extends sincere condolences to CROSWELL BOWEN whose 18-months-old son, Peter, was fatally injured April 22 when he was accidentally run over. The father is a writer for The New Yorker magazine....

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Communism as it affects the lives of West Berliners will be dramatized in a special CBS documentary program, "Divided City", on May 1 with former Berlin correspondent BILL DOWNS as narrator....A George Foster Peabody Award for "reporting of the news" was made this week to CBS' "Hear It Now", co-produced and co-written by EDWARD R. MURROW. Previous Peabody Awards for "outstanding reporting and interpretation of the news" were won by MURROW in 1943 and 1949....CLARK LEE and Capt. Richard Henschel co-authoring a picture biography of MacArthur to be published shortly by Henry Holt....Off today for 10 days in Colorado to film Army documentary movie sequences is Lt. CARL BAKAL....Past President EUGENE LYONS heads an American Committee for Freedom of the Russian Peoples, which will provide financial and other aid to a coalition of emigres and fugitives from the Soviet Union dedicated to overthrowing the Kremlin....

"This is War!" by Life photographer DAVID DOUGLAS DUNCAN to be published by Harper's June 25 -- the anniversary of the start of the Korean war... King Features' JOHN GOETTE off to London April 26 via BOAC for second time in eight weeks -- to do a series on the Festival of Britain and the Industries Fair....

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The AP's STAN SWINTON, back from Korea, is soaking up sun at Miami Beach. Then off to speak at the University of Missouri May 3, Wayne University (Detroit) May 7 and Illinois Press Association at Peoria May 11. Ex-AP war correspondent Noland (Boots) Norgaard, now AP Florida chief, and SWINTON recently enjoyed a Miami reunion...On April 17 GERALDINE FITCH spoke at a dinner for members of Congress in Washington presided over by AFL President William Green, to discuss Far Eastern policy regarding China and Formosa...Having just completed a coast-to-coast lecture tour, ROBERT MAGIDOFF expects to complete his second book on Russia, "Why Stalin's Iron Curtain?", by winter's end. His This Week piece, "Our Balance Sheet with Stalin", appears April 29...

SUMMER SUBLET: Midtown apartment on 57th St. opposite Carnegie Hall. Bedroom, large living room with grand piano, full kitchen. Until September 15. Telephone CIRCle 6-7491, mornings.

Plans are nearing completion for the 13th Congress of the International Chamber of Commerce, to take place in Lisbon June 11 through 16, according to CURTIS J. HOXTER, public relations director of the ICC's United States Council. The parley will attract more than 700 industrial and corporate leaders from at least 50 free-world countries. Former ECA Administrator Paul Hoffman will deliver a major address. While the U.S. Council is extending invitations to leading American newspapers, magazines, radio networks, columnists and newsreels, particular OPC Members may wish to attend. For additional information, please telephone CURTIS HOXTER at Murray Hill 6-3181....



## THE OVERSEAS TICKER

in Sydney, Australia. He was completing the call when the news broke. GEORGE promptly told HELEN, who immediately wrote the first reaction bulletins for the Sydney Telegraph. Now on a three-month trip around the world via Australia, U.S., British Isles and Europe, HELEN FOLSTER was a Telegraph correspondent during the Pacific war....

The usual 6 AM newscast over AFPS in Tokyo was cancelled the morning after the Truman announcement was heard in Japan. Calls to the station to find out why the broadcast was deleted revealed nothing more serious than that the news commentator's jeep had broken down and he arrived late at the studio. The 7 AM newscast went on as scheduled, but the MacArthur dismissal report was brief and avoided all reaction comments....

Arrival of General Ridgway from Korea to meet MacArthur at the Embassy, the landing of General Van Fleet, new 8th Army CG from the States, the departure of Army Secretary Pace for the U.S., Ambassador Dulles' arrival for more peace treaty talks and the tremendous farewell given MacArthur has piled up a record-breaking wordage from here within one week. The newsmen are now pretty worn out....

New addition to the AP staff here is George MacArthur, 3rd. Other recent arrivals: George McWilliams, Denver Post; Lloyd Stackhouse, Seattle Post-Intelligencer; A. T. STEELE, New York Herald Tribune; Marshall Andrews, Washington Post; and Helen Waterhouse, Akron Beacon Journal. Departing simultaneously with General MacArthur's party was Frank Conniff of INS, who left for Washington and New York. -- (JACOBUS TenBERGE).

ROME DATELINE: -- Rome's five-year-old English-language newspaper, the Rome Daily American, was closed down by police on April 23 on the grounds that its press made too much noise and disturbed the entire neighborhood. Publisher JACK L. BEGON announced he would begin legal action at once to collect damages. The police moved climaxed a fight which began last December when the Daily American occupied new quarters in Rome's Trastevere section.

BEGON reported that Il Messaggero, a right-wing Rome newspaper, began campaigning to close the Daily American shortly after the move. He also said that Il Paese, a pro-Communist paper, had been critical of Rome municipal authorities for permitting the plant to operate.

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